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1. Bratislava-Vajnory Airfield [4813N-1713E], elevation 133 m., a civilian airfield controlled by the Ministry of Transportation, was located five to eight kilometers ENE of Bratislava and one kilometer WSW of Vajnory. It was roughly rectangular in shape and probably 1.8 km. from east to west and 1.5 km. from north to south.
2. Three grass landing strips were utilized at this field. The airfield surface was flat and considered to have good natural drainage, although it was necessary to halt flying operations for 7 to 10 days during the heavy spring rains. The field was also closed because of heavy snowfalls during the winter. 2
3. [REDACTED] no construction activity on the airfield or buildings in 1950 and [REDACTED] that most airlines activities at Bratislava-Vajnory Airfield will be transferred to the new airfield which [REDACTED] was being constructed at Bratislava.
4. [REDACTED] the hills to the north and west of the airfield to be the only obstructions. These hills were approximately 1,400 feet high and three miles away.

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5. An MF/DF station operated on a frequency of 333 KC and 322 KC. The tower frequency was 3255 KC. 25X1X

6. Landing strips were outlined by wooden markers. [REDACTED] smudge pots were used as markers for night landings. 25X1X

7. Only emergency repairs were performed on aircraft belonging to the Czechoslovak Airlines (Ceskoslovenske Aerolinie - CSA) at this field. [REDACTED] no Czech Air Force repair facilities. Supply facilities at the field were unknown [REDACTED] as were transportation facilities, other than CSA buses. 25X1X

25X1X 8. [REDACTED] very small number of military personnel in the SW area of the field. One ME-109 and two Arada-type aircraft, [REDACTED] believed to be SNB (National Security Corps) aircraft were parked in this area. 25X1X

9. The following is a key to Annex A, location of Bratislava-Vajnory Airfield:

Point #1. Bratislava-Vajnory Airfield

#2. Vajnory Railroad Station

#3. Lake: Actually an abandoned, water-filled quarry. (A prominent landmark).

#4. Marshaling Yards

#5. Bratislava-Vajnory Road: The SE perimeter of the airfield was adjacent to this road.

#6. Rail Line Junction

#7. Bratislava-Pezinok Highway

10. The following is a key to Annex B, Memory Sketch of Bratislava-Vajnory Airfield:

Point #1. Grass Runway: Level; approximately N-S; 1,400 to 1,600 m. in length; width unknown.

#2. MF/DF Station: Single story; three or four meters by three or four meters; stuccoed brick; deck-type roof, material unknown to me. Located approximately 200 m. east of airfield border and runway #050/230.

#3. Grass Runway: Level; approximately N-S; 1,400 to 1,600 m. in length; width unknown.

#4. Building Area: 80 m. x 50 m. Consisted of four or five wooden, single-story, World War II, German-built buildings. A garage and cafeteria for employees and air crews was included in the group.

#5. Hangar: Approximately 50 x 40 x 10 m. Concrete or stuccoed-brick; steel frame; shed-or deck-type roof; roofing material unknown [REDACTED] accordion-type (folding) metal doors, [REDACTED] offices and shops were on the south side. [REDACTED] Ministry of Transport C-47 as well as several Aero Club aircraft and a glider in this hangar. 25X1X

#6. Terminal and Hangar Apron [Shaded area on sketch]: Dimensions unknown [REDACTED] constructed of concrete slabs approximately one meter square; thickness unknown. At various places slabs had been removed because of buckling and sinkage. Concrete had been poured in these places. 25X1X

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Point #7. CSA Terminal (North wing of L-shaped building): 28 x 9 x 4 m.; stuccoed-brick; deck-type roof; roofing material unknown. CSA, operations and customs offices, a small restaurant, and an SNB office were located in this building. A stairway led from the operations office, located in the NW corner of the building, to the control tower.

#8. Control Tower: Located directly over operations room in Terminal Building /Point #7/. Approximately three meters square and 12 m. above ground level. Stuccoed-brick; flat roof; plate glass-enclosed control room.

#9. Building (N-S wing of L-shaped building): 30 x 8 x 4 m. Same construction as CSA terminal. This wing housed the W/T receiving station, weather office and Ministry of Transport offices.

#10. Airfield Entrance and Auto Parking Area: Concrete drive and parking area.

#11. Bratislava-Vajnory Road: Asphalt; five or six meters wide; in poor condition. Adjacent to south border of airfield.

#12. Wire Fence: 1.5 m. in height. Only the south perimeter of the airfield was bordered by a fence. Entrances from the Bratislava-Vajnory road are indicated by "X" on the sketch.

#13. Military Building Area: Located on the south side of the Bratislava-Vajnory road. Consisted of six or eight small, wooden, single-story buildings along the road. Dimensions unknown. [REDACTED] they were billets for enlisted men serving with an air unit at the field. Several stuccoed buildings were located south of the wooden buildings. This area appeared to be in poor condition because of World War II damage.

#14. Military Building Area: 200 to 250 x 50 to 80 m. Five to seven small barrack-type, single-story buildings were located in this area. [REDACTED] occasion to be in this area and can furnish no further information regarding it, other than to say it was the military area of the airfield. 25X1X

#15. Aircraft Parking Area: Dimensions and surfacing material unknown. [REDACTED] At various times, [REDACTED] few SNB aircraft (ME-109's) and several Aero Club aircraft parked in this area. 25X1X

#16. Grass Runway #050/230: Was the airfield's principal landing strip. [REDACTED] estimate it to be 1,500 to 1,800 m. in length; width unknown. Level and in good condition. 25X1X

#17. Creek: Led along the entire east border of the airfield. [REDACTED] consider the ditch through which the creek passed to be a helpful factor in the drainage of the airfield surface.

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Annex A: Overlay of GSGS' 4416, Scale 1:100,000 Sheet X-11,
[REDACTED] Location of Bratislava-Vajnory Airfield

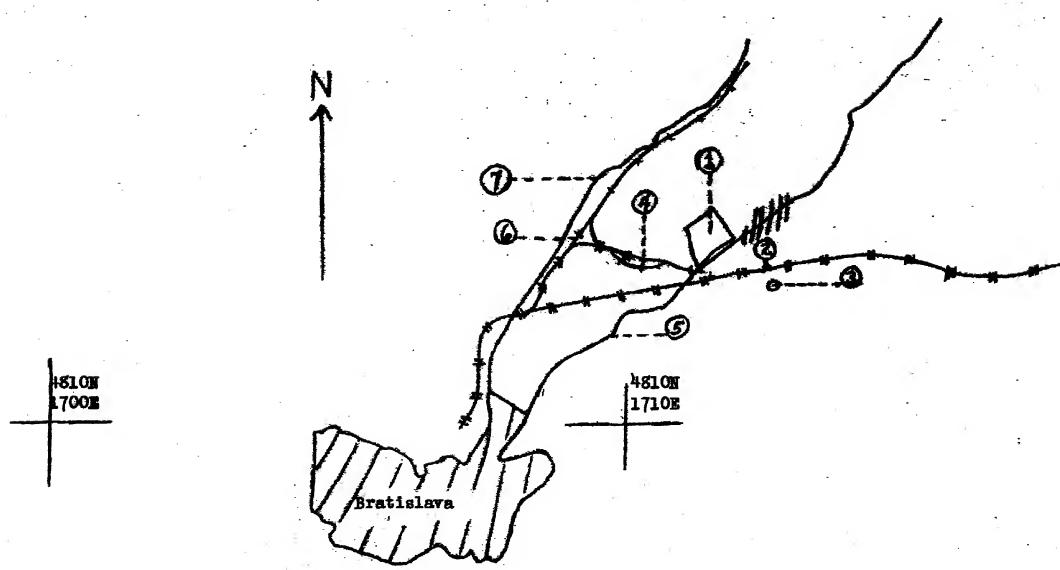
B: [REDACTED] Sketch of Bratislava-Vajnory Airfield

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